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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Bandwidth Conservation in an IP Network**
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. PTO Form 1449 listing and enclosing nine (9) references (AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, AT2, AR3, AS3, and AT3); and
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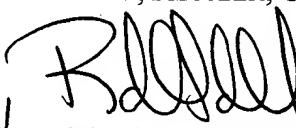
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